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CONTROL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY

One of the most difficult situations for the paramedic is that created by the arrival of a physician at the scene. A different set of responsibilities exists when that physician knows and has established a previous doctor-patient relationship with the patient as opposed to when no such relationship exists. Physicians who are part of the EMS system such as the service's medical advisor or on-line medical command physician are generally responsible for patient care.

Physician Without Previous Doctor-Patient Relationship

1. For a fully licensed physician who is not a part of the EMS system to assume control at the scene of an emergency, all of the following must take place:
 - A. Proof of the physician's identity and current Ohio licensure must be provided to the senior EMT-P.
 - B. The physician must agree to accompany the patient to the hospital.
 - C. The on-line medical command physician must be notified and agree to relinquish control to the on-scene physician. This can usually best be accomplished by having the medical command physician speak directly with the physician at the scene.
 - D. The physician at the scene must agree to sign his or her orders.
2. If control of the emergency is given to the on-scene physician, then the physician can only issue orders within the scope of training and practice of the EMT-P.
3. Any orders or procedures outside of the EMT-P's scope of practice will have to be carried out personally by the on-scene physician.

Physician With Previous Doctor-Patient Relationship

1. As a general rule, it is desirable that the EMT-P's called to the scene of an emergency, even within a physician's office, perform an assessment and manage the patient just as would be done in any other location.



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2. If the physician wishes to take control of the patient's management, he or she may do so if:
 - A. Communication is established between on-line medical command and the physician at the scene, AND
 - B. The scene physician agrees to accompany the patient to the hospital.
3. If control of the emergency is assumed by the on-scene physician then:
 - A. The physicians' Ohio license number will be recorded on the run report.
 - B. Orders within the scope of training and practice of the EMT-P will be carried out.
 - C. Orders outside the scope of training and practice of the EMT-P will be personally carried out by the on-scene physician.
 - D. The on-scene physician will sign his or her orders.
 - E. The on-scene physician must accompany the patient in the ambulance to the hospital unless released by the on-line medical command physician.